

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A method for operating an Internet telephony gateway comprising the steps of:
accessing a call between a terminal unit for a PSTN public switched telephone network (PSTN) and a terminal unit for an IP Internet protocol (IP) network;
respectively monitoring states of the PSTN and the IP network through a board for the PSTN and a board for the IP network;
generating an alarm in the board for the PSTN when any failure occurs in the PSTN;
blocking a channel between the Internet telephony gateway and the PSTN; and
~~performing a flow for~~ terminating the call with the terminal unit for the IP network.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, ~~wherein the flow includes further~~ comprising the step of providing a sound for informing the terminal unit for the IP network of termination of the call.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the said sound includes a termination message, a tone, and an announcement.

8. (Currently amended) A method for operating an Internet telephony gateway comprising the steps of:
accessing a call between a terminal unit for a PSTN public switched telephone network (PSTN) and a terminal unit for an IP Internet protocol (IP) network;

respectively monitoring states of the PSTN and the IP network through a board for the PSTN and a board for the IP network;

generating an alarm in the board for the IP network when any failure occurs in the IP network;

blocking a channel between the Internet telephony gateway and the IP network; and

~~performing a flow for~~ terminating the call with the terminal unit for the PSTN.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, ~~wherein the flow includes further~~ comprising the step of providing a sound for informing the terminal unit for the PSTN of termination of the call.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ said sound includes a termination message, a tone, and an announcement.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An Internet telephony gateway comprising:
a public switched telephone network (PSTN) interface module interfacing with a PSTN
and generating a failure alarm when failure occurs in the PSTN;
an Internet protocol (IP) network interface module interfacing with an IP network and
generating a failure alarm when failure occurs in the IP network;
a data processing module performing a data processing procedure required for data
exchange between the PSTN and the IP network; and
a control module performing a flow that enables a corresponding subscriber to normally
terminate a call through one network in which a failure alarm has not occurred, in response to the
failure alarm that may occur in either the PSTN or the IP network,

of claim 11, wherein the each of said PSTN interface module and the said IP network interface module include including:

a PBA printed board assembly (PBA) providing alarm data of the PSTN and the IP network;

a first parallel-to-serial converter converting alarm data of a HDD module to serial data;

a second parallel-to-serial converter converting parallel input state data of a fan and cables to serial data;

a serial-to-parallel converter converting the data from the first and second parallel-to-serial converters to parallel data, and adding the parallel data to state data of ejection, injection, and operation of boards, input in parallel from the PBA;

a memory storing the data output from the serial-to-parallel converter in corresponding addresses; and

a data bus buffer transmitting the state data stored in the memory to the system module so as to monitor the failure.

15. (~~Currently amended~~) The An Internet telephony gateway comprising:
a public switched telephone network (PSTN) interface module interfacing with a PSTN
and generating a failure alarm when failure occurs in the PSTN;

an Internet protocol (IP) network interface module interfacing with an IP network and
generating a failure alarm when failure occurs in the IP network;

a data processing module performing a data processing procedure required for data
exchange between the PSTN and the IP network; and

a control module performing a flow that enables a corresponding subscriber to normally
terminate a call through one network in which a failure alarm has not occurred, in response to the
failure alarm that may occur in either the PSTN or the IP network,

each of said PSTN interface module and said IP network interface module including:

a printed board assembly (PBA) providing alarm data of the PSTN and the IP network of
claim 14, wherein the failure alarm data are collected in PSB and injection bit types from ~~the~~ said
PBA;

a first parallel-to-serial converter converting alarm data of a HDD module to serial data;

a second parallel-to-serial converter converting parallel input state data of a fan and cables to serial data;

a serial-to-parallel converter converting the data from the first and second parallel-to-serial converters to parallel data, and adding the parallel data to state data of ejection, injection, and operation of boards, input in parallel from the PBA;

a memory storing the data output from the serial-to-parallel converter in corresponding addresses; and

a data bus buffer transmitting the state data stored in the memory to the system module so as to monitor the failure.

16. ~~(New)~~ A network-based telephony method, said method comprising the steps of: providing a plurality of call signaling channels between a public switched telephone network (PSTN) and an Internet protocol network (IPN);

managing the state of said plurality of call signaling channels between said PSTN and said IPN by way of at least one call control module;

reporting IPN call signaling channel failures to said at least one call control module; and utilizing said at least one call control module to block a corresponding failed IPN call signaling channel and terminate the call through the PSTN.

17. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 16, further comprising the step of providing a terminal unit connected to said PSTN with an indication of the termination of the call.

18. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 17, wherein said call termination indication includes a call termination message.

19. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 17, wherein said call termination indication includes a tone.

20. (New) A network-based telephony method, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of call signaling channels between a public switched telephone network (PSTN) and an Internet protocol network (IPN);

managing the state of said plurality of call signaling channels between said PSTN and said IPN by way of at least one call control module;

reporting PSTN call signaling channel failures to said at least one call control module;
and

utilizing said at least one call control module to block a corresponding failed PSTN call signaling channel and terminate the call through the IPN.

21. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 20, further comprising the step of providing a terminal unit connected to said IPN with an indication of the termination of the call.

22. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 21, wherein said call termination indication includes a call termination message.

23. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 21, wherein said call termination indication includes a tone.

24. (New) The network-based telephony method of claim 21, wherein said call termination indication includes an announcement.

25. (New) A network-based telephony gateway comprising:
at least one call control module;
at least one public switched telephone network (PSTN) interface operatively coupled between said at least one control module and at least one PSTN;
at least one Internet protocol network (IPN) interface operatively coupled between said at least one control module and at least one IPN; and
means for exchanging data between said at least one PSTN interface and said at least one IPN interface,

said at least one call control module managing the state of call signaling channels between said at least one PSTN and said at least one IPN,
said at least one PSTN interface adapted to report PSTN call signaling channel failures to said at least one call control module,
said at least one IPN interface adapted to report IPN call signaling channel failures to said at least one call control module,
said at least one call control module adapted to block a corresponding failed PSTN call signaling channel and terminate the call through said at least one IPN,
said at least one call control module further adapted to block a corresponding failed IPN call signaling channel and terminate the call through said at least one PSTN.

26. (New) The network-based telephony gateway of claim 25, wherein said at least one call control module comprises a call maintenance module and a call processing module, said call maintenance module adapted to provide call signaling channel maintenance data to said call processing module, said call processing module adapted to periodically update the state of call signaling channels between said at least one PSTN and said at least one IPN according to call signaling channel maintenance data received from said call maintenance module.

27. (New) The network-based telephony gateway of claim 26, wherein the state of call signaling channels includes an "idle" state, a "conversation busy" state, a "block" state, and a "not-assign" state.
